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**MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**1974-75 ANNUAL REPORT**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mr. Grigsby

For some organizations, putting together an annual report is an undesirable chore. But for successful organizations, it is an enjoyable task. I can honestly say that the preparation of this year's annual report has been a most gratifying experience.

Looking back over the year, several accomplishments stand out in my mind. During the 1974-75 fiscal year, Midlands Technical College provided educational programs to more than 15,000 South Carolinians. More than 96% of these students were enrolled in vocational and technical programs that are geared for entry into the "world of work."

During the year, 614 degrees and diplomas were awarded by the College. More than 90% of these graduates are now working and paying taxes in Richland and Lexington Counties.

In June 1975, a 10-year Master Development Plan for the College was completed in conjunction with Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff. Major elements of this plan call for modernization of the Airport Campus in Lexington County, and two additional campuses in the northwestern and northeastern sections of Richland County during the 1980's.

As President, I would like to thank you, the residents of Richland and Lexington Counties, for your past support. And I pledge to you that Midlands Technical College, your college, will strive to be worthy of your continued support in the future.

This past year was one of experimentation for Midlands Technical College. Although all three of the components that merged to form the college have traditions dating back to the beginning of the TEC System in South Carolina, and two of the institutions predated the TEC System by some years, Midlands Technical College was in many ways a new institution. Much had to be tried for the first time, and whenever this happens, success and failure hang in the balance.

The genuine cooperation of the majority of the persons associated with Palmer College, Midlands TEC and Columbia TEC assured that the successes far outnumbered the failures. In addition, the cooperation of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, the Richland and Lexington County Legislative Delegations, and the Richland and Lexington County Councils helped to assure that the merger would be accomplished successfully and that the result, Midlands Technical College, would be a viable and unified educational institution.

1974-1975 saw the beginning of a period of economic austerity, the effects of which we are now only beginning to fully understand. In spite of this, or perhaps because of this economic recession, we see a continuing need for the kinds of educational services to South Carolina that Midlands Technical College was created to provide.



Mr. Matthews

## REMARKS BY THE AREA COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Midlands Technical College is one of the sixteen technical colleges and technical education centers that make up the South Carolina technical education system. Under the coordination of the South Carolina Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, these sixteen centers of higher learning provide quality technical education at very low cost to the citizens of South Carolina.

Midlands Technical College was born, on July 1, 1974, out of the merger of Midlands Technical Education Center, Palmer College, and Columbia Technical Education Center. Today, it is a fully accredited college, and many of its courses can be transferred to a four-year program; however, the college's primary purpose is training individuals in one- and two-year programs to obtain meaningful jobs and careers in South Carolina.

Midlands Technical College has operated on an Open Door policy, in which the college will admit anyone who is seeking to better himself or herself. Certain programs do have admission requirements; and, since the end of the 1974-1975 fiscal year, strict budget cutbacks have forced the college to temporarily limit enrollment.

Tuition at Midlands Technical College is \$75.00 for Richland and Lexington County residents; \$90.00 for residents of other South Carolina counties; and \$125.00 for non-residents of South Carolina. Part-time students are charged at a rate of \$6.00 per credit hour; and students in the Adult Basic Education program pay an annual lab fee of \$10.00. Funds other than those derived from student tuition and lab fees come from the state, through a single line item appropriation; from the two counties in the college's service area, Richland and Lexington counties; from federal sources; and from private donations.

Midlands Technical College has seven divisions and a Department of Continuing Education. These divisions include Allied Health, Business, Crafts, Engineering Technology, Humanities and Sciences, Industrial and Service Technology, and Public Service. Each of these divisions offers a series of one- or two-year study programs leading to degrees, diplomas, and usually to jobs as well.

Financial Aid, Veterans Assistance, and Job Placement assistance are available to all students based upon need and other qualifications. Financial aid provides assistance to those students who would have difficulty pursuing their education without financial help. The college has a comprehensive financial assistance program which includes scholarships, grants, loans and work study employment available in various combinations to meet the differences between what the student can reasonably afford and the expected cost of attending the college. The college is approved for veterans education assistance and maintains a full-time Veterans Affairs Officer on each campus to assist veterans already enrolled as well as those seeking enrollment. Part-time and full-time employment assistance can be obtained through the Cooperative Education and Job Assistance offices located on both campuses. Midlands Technical College offers job assistance to students and alumni.

The following Annual Report contains much information on the transition year of 1974-75, the first year that Midlands Technical College existed as a single entity. It was a year of rapid change and progress, and it firmly established Midlands Technical College as a dynamic, vital institution.

## ABOUT THE AREA COMMISSION

The Richland-Lexington Counties Commission for Technical Education is Midlands Technical College's local governing board and operates within the policies set by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. The Area Commission consists of 12 members appointed by the Governor. It coordinates county funding for the land and physical plant of the institution and has approved all existing educational offerings as well as having initiated several of these offerings. The Area Commission exerts an important influence on the programs, policies, and philosophy of Midlands Technical College.

The State Board, which consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, has jurisdiction over all two-year state supported post secondary institutions, except for university branches and centers. The State Board is also responsible for developing and implementing adequate post-high school vocational and technical programs.



**Mr. Ray Matthews**

is Chairman of the Area Commission and is owner of the Ray Matthews Real Estate Agency.



**Mr. Virgil C. Summer**

is the Vice-Chairman of the Area Commission and is a member of the Board of Directors and senior Vice President of the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.



**Mrs. Evelyn Willson**

is the Secretary of the Area Commission and is the past President and Manager of Aircraft Sales & Services, Inc. She is now Sales Consultant for Airway Surgical Company and Con/Stan Industries, Inc.



**Mr. Joe A. Padgett**

is the Treasurer of the Area Commission and a Vice President of the First National Bank.



**Mr. Arthur L. Scott**

is a past Chairman of the Richland-Lexington Counties Commission for Technical Education and is on the Board of Directors of the Shakespeare Company.



**Dr. Jules W. Lindau, III**

is the President and owner of J. W. Lindau and Associates.



**Mr. Jasper Salmond**

is associated with Wilbur Smith and Associates, an international engineering, planning and architectural firm based in Columbia.



**Mr. William B. Coffin**

is the Director of Industrial Relations for the South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce.



**Mr. Harold Swygert, Jr.**

is Assistant Director of Engineering Services/Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle & Wolff Associates of South Carolina.



**Mr. Frank B. Havird**

is the owner and operator of Lexington Palmetto Propane Company.



**Mr. William P. Carter**

is an IBM Marketing Representative.



**Mr. Thomas L. Gregory**

is President of Gregory Electric Company.

## **NEW BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

A fire science classroom laboratory and administrative building, a drill tower, and a fire-fighting burn building were completed during 1974-75, with a total package cost for the three facilities of \$434,647. The fire science building consists of five classrooms, a library conference room, a reception area, three offices, shower facilities and space to house two fire trucks.

Of the funds appropriated for the facilities, \$250,000 came from revenue sharing funds, \$159,647 came from the State General Fund Firefighting Training Budget, and \$25,000 was donated by the South Carolina Firemen's Association.

Construction continued on a \$1,863,000 classroom/multi-purpose building for the Beltline Campus. This building, to be completed in 1976, is a four floor structure with student services, study areas, and activity rooms on the first floor; administrative offices, classrooms and large lecture rooms on the second floor; developmental studies on the third floor; and offices, classrooms, and biology labs on the fourth floor. A federal loan provided \$1,088,000 for the building; \$40,000 came from a federal grant; and the rest was funded by Richland and Lexington Counties.

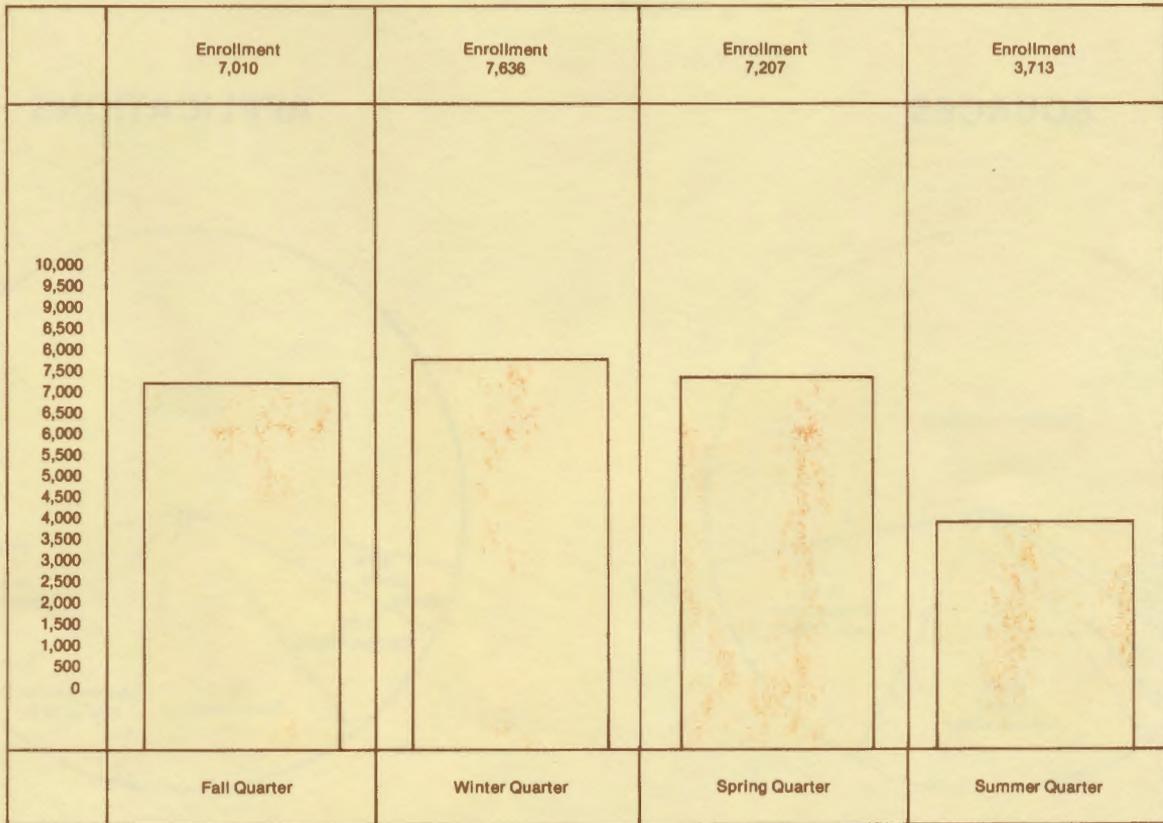
## **NEW PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED**

**Legal Assistant Technology**  
**Six Quarters — Associate Degree**

**General Engineering Technology**  
**Six Quarters — Associate Degree**

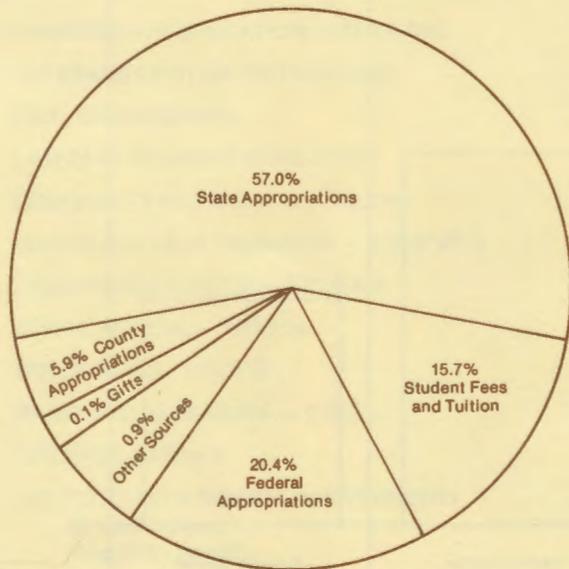
## FEDERAL GRANTS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED 1974-75</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED 1975-76</u>
FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID		
College Work-Study	\$ 253,323	\$ 515,901
Supplemental Education Opportunity	134,230	169,059
National Direct Student Loan	108,293	207,000
Basic Educational Opportunity	293,210	450,000
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION — TITLE IV-D	55,000	70,000
VETERANS COST OF INSTRUCTION	58,884	84,323
CIVIL ENGINEERING	---	6,200
LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION	71,800	32,340
COMMUNITY AND MENTAL HEALTH	16,160	16,024
JUNIOR COLLEGE FACILITIES — TITLE VII-A	20,504	20,504
LIBRARY RESOURCES — TITLE II-A	8,470	7,836
EQUAL ACCESS — TITLE III	100,000	---
EQUIPMENT — TITLE VI	4,921	---
PARTNERS IN READING — TITLE I	8,028	8,029
TITLE VI-A CAT I & II	20,000	---
ALLIED HEALTH SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT		
Dental Hygiene	23,137	23,137
Inhalation Therapy	43,798	48,442
TOTAL	\$1,219,758	\$1,658,795

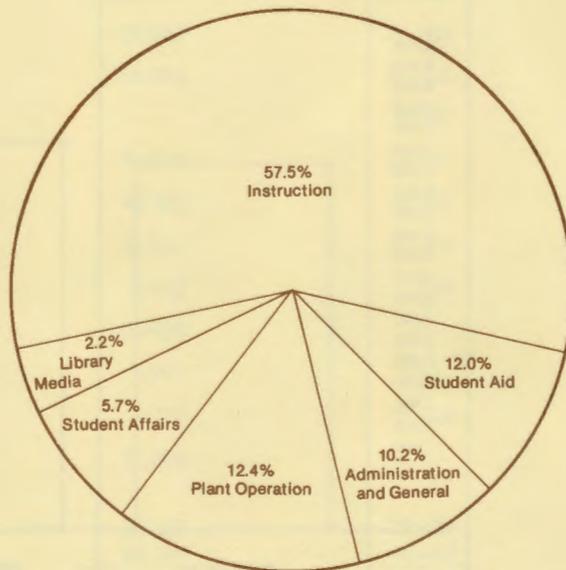


# 1974-1975 STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS BY PERCENTAGE

## SOURCES



## APPLICATIONS



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